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FOREST DEVEOPMENT PROJECT IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted any project proposal to the Union Government for development of forests in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to approve these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had submitted The Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation Project to the Union Government for development of forests in the State. This project is being implemented in all the districts of Karnataka with the loan assistance from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The total sanctioned cost of the Project is Rs. 745 crores including Rs. 131.734 crores as State share. An amount of Rs. 34.532 crores has been disbursed by the JBIC till 23rd June, 2006. Under the programme activities such as afforestation, income generation activities for poverty alleviation, protected area management and biodiversity conservation, provision of basic infrastructure support for field work and other supporting activities for forest management have been included. The Project period is 2005-06 to 2012-13 . The Project is already approved and is being implemented as per schedule.